



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of)
ANDREW G. SWALES et al.) **Examiner: LEZAK, Arrienne M.**
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Application No. 10/003,123) **Conf. No.: 6275**
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Filed: November 26, 2001) **Art Unit: 2143**
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For: MESSAGING APPLICATION LAYER OVER) **Attorney Docket No.: SAA-5-2**
ETHERNET TO TRANSPORT LAYER (TCP)) **(402P273)**
COMMUNICATIONS METHOD AND)
APPARATUS FOR A MODULAR)
TERMINAL INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTEM)

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2006

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Dear Examiner:

This Response is to the final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on May 10, 2006. Applicants file herewith a Petition for One Month Extension of Time setting the to respond to June 10, 2006. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached *Transmittal*). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the cost of this request in accordance with §1.17(e). Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.